



Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program

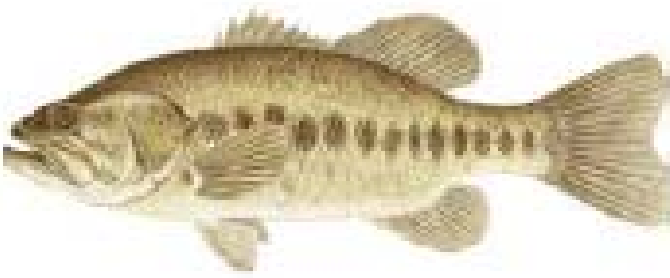
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Common Fish Species of Pine Island Pond

Sampled on July 11, 2000

Species	Number Sampled	Average Length (mm)	Average Weight (g)
White Perch	64	219	134
Largemouth Bass	38	276	501
Bluegill	34	106	37
Yellow Perch	34	137	29
Pumpkinseed	18	112	29
Common White Sucker	7	357	719
	195	201	241.5



Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

- **Description:** Resembles the smallmouth bass, but the jaw of the largemouth extends beyond the eye. Also has horizontal dark band/stripe along its side.
- **Habitat:** Solitary fish found in quiet, warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed waters.
- **Food:** Frogs, bait fish, snakes, mice, snails, and worms.



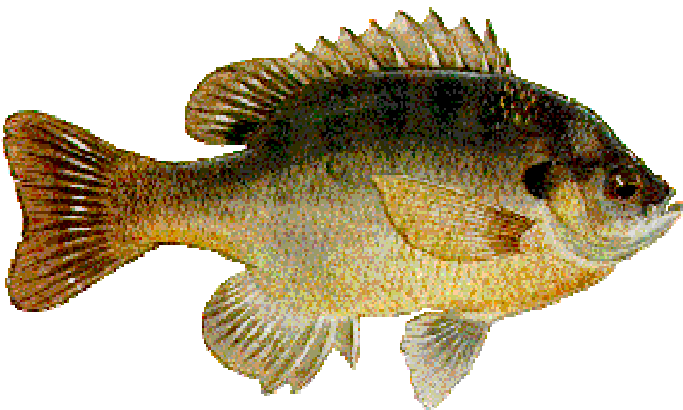
Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

- **Description:** Golden-yellow with 6-8 broad dark vertical bands.
- **Habitat:** Schools found in quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Small aquatic insects, crustaceans, and small fishes.



Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)

- **Description:** Resembles the bluegill but has a bright orange spot at the tip of the ear flap and lack of dark spot on the soft portion of the dorsal fin.
- **Color:** Breeding males are especially colorful with iridescent blue radiating lines on their cheeks and gill covers.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Aquatic insects, snails, small fish, and fish eggs.



Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

- Also known as “kibbie” this fish is not native to NH.
- **Description:** Conspicuous dark blotches at the back of the large, square-shaped, blue-black flap behind the eye.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.



White Perch (*Monroe americana*)

- **Description:** Resembles yellow perch and black basses of the sunfish family, but is more closely related to the sea basses. Typically silvery to silvery-green with dark green on top and light underneath. Sharp spines on back.
- **Range:** Originally in coastal waters from South Carolina to Nova Scotia. It has been introduced into many New Hampshire inland waters.
- **Habitat:** Schools tend to move in shallow waters near shore.



Common White Sucker (*Catastomus commersoni*)

- **Description:** Dark greenish-gray and coppery brown with black on its back. Sides have a brassy/silvery luster.
- **Food:** Bottom feeder that eats aquatic insect larvae, small mollusks, crustaceans, and various worms. With its fleshy mouth aimed downward, they vacuum up worms, clams, and, some say, the eggs of other fish. Prey species to the Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass.